**Vocabulary**

**subterranean** adj.: underground.

In San Gil, there are many subterranean caverns to explore.

**magnitude** n.: greatness or size.

The magnitude of Ms. Marcos’ belly was becoming very uncomfortable.

**presentiments** n. forebodings; feelings that something bad is about to happen.

The day before she went into labour, Ms. Marcos felt a strange presentiment about it.

**tenacity** n.: stubborn persistence and determination.

Ms. Marcos was so tenacious, she refused to accept drugs when she was in labour.

**equanimity** n.: calmness; composure.

She breathed deeply and endured the painful contractions with total equanimity.

**fortitude** n.: firm courage; strength to endure pain or danger.

She had a lot of fortitude to stand all that pain and stay calm.

**ingenuity** n.: cleverness; originality; skill.

Mr. Olsen used all his ingenuity to distract Ms. Marcos from the pain and keep her calm.

**resignation** n.: passive acceptance; submission.

The baby didn’t want to come out at first, but finally she resigned herself to it.

**pandemonium** n.: wildly noisy, chaotic scene.

The delivery room was full of pandemonium, as various students, nurses, and specialists did their jobs.

**commiserate** v.: show or express sympathy.

When it was all over, the nurses came in and commiserated with her pain.